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REMARKS

In response to the above identified Office Action, and in order to advance the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have elected to accept subject matter considered allowable by the Examiner and file a continuing application to pursue other subject matter. Applicants take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Examiner for her identification of subject matter considered to be allowable.

In execution of the foregoing, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitation of allowable claim 4, thereby rendering claims 1- 3 and 5-14 allowable. Further, Applicants have amended claim 15 to include the subject matter of original claim 1, thereby rendering claim 15 independent and allowable. Applicants have also amended claim 16 to include the limitation of claim 17, thereby rendering claim 16 and 18-20 allowable. Further, Applicants have amended claim 21 to include the limitation of claim 28, thereby rendering claims 21-27 and 29 allowable. Applicants have also amended claim 30 to include the subject matter of claim 21, thereby rendering claim 30 independent and allowable.

By virtue of the foregoing amendments, Applicants have added two independent claims that have not been previously presented. Applicants therefore hereby authorize the office to charge the fees for such claims to the deposit account identified at the conclusion of this paper, which is maintained by Applicant's assignee.

Applicants anticipate and request early allowance of the subject application in view of the amendments and indications of allowable subject matter provided by the Examiner in the Final Office Action.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the instantly submitted amendment, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

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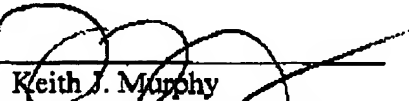
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If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 maintained by the Applicants' Attorneys.

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